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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement, mailed June 27, 2002, applicant elects "invention I" that is covered by claims 1 through 13 of the present application.

Applicant provisionally cancels claims 14 through 45 that the Examiner states are drawn to separate patentable inventions. However, Applicant reserves the right to amend the application in the future to add these canceled claims. As is self-evident, this amendment is not being made to distinguish over prior art or to satisfy any other requirement of the Patent Act, other than MPEP 806.05(d).

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that claims 1 through 13 now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Applicant thus respectfully requests that the instant Amendment be entered and that all pending claims be allowed and this application be entered and that all pending claims be allowed and this application be passed to issuance.

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.



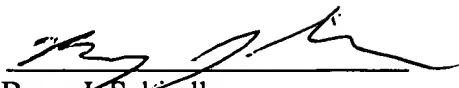
The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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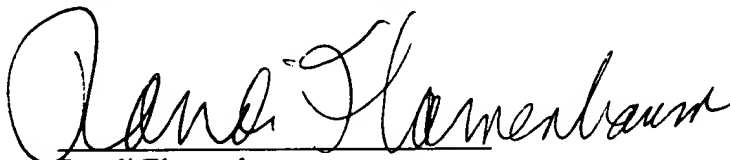
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